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1. C ENTIRE TEXT

2. AT REQUEST OF FOREIGN MINISTER DE L'ESTRAC, I CALLED  
 ON HIM AFTERNOON JUNE 22 FOR "A LITTLE CHAT, ONE ON ONE".

3. FOREIGN MINISTER OPENED CONVERSATION BY STATING  
THAT HE PERSONALLY AS WELL AS PRIME MINISTER JUGNAUTH,  
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE BOODHOO, FINANCE MINISTER  
BERENGER AND OTHER MMM/PSM LEADERS WISH TO BUILD ON OUR

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EXCELLENT PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS BY CREATING CLOSE, FRIENDLY, AND PRODUCTIVE PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT HE FOUND CONSIDERABLE PLEASURE AS FOREIGN MINISTER TO THANK USG FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANTS TO HIM AND PRIME MINISTER JUGNAUTH LAST YEAR WHEN THEY WERE "MERELY MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION". I RECIPROCATED HIS KIND COMMENTS AND GOOD WISHES ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND USG. COMMENT: DE L'ESTRAC GAVE ME CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT HIS COMMENTS WERE MADE AS A RESULT OF A DISCUSSION AMONG THOSE INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED.

4. DE L'ESTRAC SAID THAT HE KNEW HE DID NOT HAVE TO REMIND ME OF GOM POSITION ON DIEGO GARCIA AND THAT HE HAD DEALT WITH THIS MATTER IN SOME DETAIL MORNING JUNE 22 WITH U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER. HE ADDED WITH SOME HUMOR THAT HE HOPED THAT I HAD NOTED THAT PRINCIPAL GOM POINT OF DISCUSSION THIS MATTER WAS WITH U.K. AND NOT USG. I REPLIED THAT I WOULD REPORT THE POINT HE WAS MAKING TO WASHINGTON WITH PLEASURE AND ALACRITY. FOREIGN MINISTER THEN MENTIONED MAURITIAN LABOR CONTRACT ON DIEGO GARCIA. HE SAID THAT HE HAD HAD RECENT DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT WITH JEAN PAUL ADAM, HEAD OF CONSORTIUM OF MAURITIAN CONTRACTORS (CMC), THAT HE HAD TOLD ADAM THAT GOM SUPPORTED CURRENT CONTRACT AND WOULD EVEN SUPPORT CMC IN ITS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ANOTHER CONTRACT EXTENSION. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD TOLD ADAM THAT USE OF C-141 AIRCRAFT TO AND FROM DIEGO GARCIA WAS QUITE ACCEPTABLE. IN THIS CONTEXT I MENTIONED USE OF P-3 AND C-141 AIRCRAFT WHICH HAD COME FROM TIME TO TIME TO MAURITIUS FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS. USUALLY THESE EMERGENCY FLIGHTS WERE TO BRING SPARE PARTS TO DISABLED C-141 AIRCRAFT WHICH WERE IN MAURITIUS AS PART OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED DIEGO GARCIA/MAURITIUS AIRLIFT. MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF ANOTHER TYPE OF EMERGENCY WAS FLIGHT FROM DIEGO GARCIA TO MAURITIUS DURING NIGHT JUNE 12/13 TO RETURN MAURITIAN WORKER TO MAURITIUS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL OPERATION. DE L'ESTRAC SAID THERE CERTAINLY WOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO THESE TYPES OF FLIGHTS AND HE AGREED CURRENT EMERGENCY CLEARANCE PROCEDURE FOR NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS WOULD

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REMAIN IN EFFECT. DE L'ESTRAC CONCLUDED THIS PORTION OF CONVERSATION BY STATING GOM CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT USE OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT FOR CMC OPERATIONS WAS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF WHOLE CONTRACT CONCEPT.

COMMENT: DE L'ESTRAC'S ACCOUNT OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH ADAM COINCIDES COMPLETELY WITH ACCOUNT GIVEN US BY ADAM. THE MAIN NEWPOINT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS IS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING NEWS THAT GOM LEADERSHIP HAD MET ON THIS SUBJECT SINCE ELECTIONS AND THAT IT WOULD SUPPORT EXTENSION CURRENT CMC CONTRACT IF CMC COULD OBTAIN SUCH AN EXTENSION.

5. ON WEEKEND VISIT OF LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER, DE L'ESTRAC SAID NO NEWGROUND WAS COVERED SINCE MMM/PSM PRIOR TO ELECTIONS HAD STATED THAT IT BELIEVED SDAR SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AND THAT ATTENDANCE AT TRIPOLI SUMMIT MADE MORE SENSE THAN BOYCOTTING THIS MEETING. HE ADDED THAT A BOYCOTT DID NOT PERMIT DIALOGUES OF ANY TYPE (FROM SOUTH AFRICA TOMFORTH AFRICA) IN OAU FORUM, A FORUM WHICH NEEDED SUPPORT FROM ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

6. BALANCE OF DISCUSSION RELATED TO UTILIZATION AND ARRIVAL OF P.L. 480 TITLE II, P.L. 480 TITEL I, AND ESF ASSISTANCE TO MAURITIUS. GORDON

END OF MESSAGE

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